

**Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting August 27, 1996 6 p.m.  
St. John Berchmans School**

**Members/Alternates present:**

Mr. Juan Solis, Sr., RAB Community Co-Chair  
Mr. Allan Hagelthorn  
Dr. Gene Len6  
Mr. Nicholas Rodriguez, Jr.  
Mr. Edward Riojas, Jr., RAB Base Co-Chair  
Mr. Tom Culbertson  
Mr. Sam Sanchez  
Mr. Edward Weinstein  
Mr. Sam Murrah  
Ms. Annalisa Peace  
Mr. Paul Person  
Mr. Richard Ehrhart (future member)

Mr. Armando Quintanilla  
Mr. George Rice  
Mr. Gary Beyer  
Mrs. Yolanda Johnson  
Mr. Carl Mixon

**Members absent without Alternate:**

Mr. Thomas Moore  
Mr. Paul Roberson

**Kelly Air Force Base Staff present:**

Mr. Larry Bailey  
Mr. Mike Patterson Mr.  
Edward Roberson Mr.  
Glenn Whiton Mr.  
Norman Landez Dr.  
Michael Jarrard Mr.  
Byron Cotton

Mr. Dick Walters  
Mr. Stan Pehl  
Ms. Adrienne Williams  
Ms. Sonia Gallegos  
Mr. Edward Estrada  
Ms Julie Robinson

**Item I: Call to Order**

- A. The meeting began at 6:12 p.m. with Mr. Edward Riojas, Jr., RAB Base Co-Chair conducting.
- B. Mr. Riojas, San Antonio Air Logistics Center's Executive Director, introduced himself as the new Air Force Co-Chair of the RAB, replacing Mr. Larry Bailey. Other RAB members introduced themselves (see attachments).
- C. Mr. Riojas summarized the public meeting held Aug. 19 and said a follow-up meeting to answer questions and concerns will be held prior to October 5 at Kennedy High School (see attachments).

## Item II: Discussion/Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 18 June RAB meeting were approved without change.

## Item IH: TRNCC Permit Status

Mr. Parker Wilson, Attorney for Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, briefed the RAB on the status of the Post Closure Care Permit, for which the base has applied. He said the permit is at the Chief Clerk's office and will soon be available for public comment. Once a public announcement is made, a 45-day comment period begins. Citizens can mail comments to the Chief Clerk's office and at such time may request a hearing. If such a hearing is requested and granted, it will probably happen in the spring of 1997. The permit covers cleanup of the entire base and off-base contamination.

## Item IV: ATSDR Study

- A. Ms. Bobbie Erlwein, ATSDR Region 6, explained the purpose of ATSDR and what they will be doing here. She said ATSDR is not a regulatory agency, but a health agency of the federal government. Their job is to look at how people's health may be affected by contamination. They look at the chemicals, the potential pathways and the health of people in the surrounding communities. They will then analyze the data to see if there is a connection. They do two types of studies:
1. Public Health Assessments are a very comprehensive Study that can take two to three years to complete. It looks at all chemicals and pathways.
  2. A Public Health Consultation looks at only a few chemicals and can be completed much more quickly. They will be performing a Public Health Consultation at Kelly. Depending on the findings, they could recommend nothing, suggest implementing health education programs or conduct a health study. She said she could be reached by leaving a message at 1-800-447-4784, box 3251519.
- B. Dr. David Fowler, ATSDR Atlanta, said they are here to see things first hand and to collect important data from all sources. They have already met with the Air Force, TNRCC and EPA and now want to meet with the public. He expects to have a finished report in 30 days. The report will identify what is a problem and what is not a problem. It will also make recommendations as to what should be done. He asked the citizens and RAB for any information they may have and said they will meet with as many people as they can.

## Item V: Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Update

### A. IRP Update

Mr. Dan Medina, Remedial Project Manager, gave an update on the IRP (see attached slides).

1. He assured the RAB that Kelly will accelerate the cleanup where possible. Also, cleanup operations and termination must be approved by TRNCC and EPA.
2. Quintana Road - old and new route designs are being reviewed. Additional soil tests are being done to enhance cleanup designs. Construction of temporary soil staging facility is scheduled for November. This facility is only for handling soils removed during the testing/construction. The city is reported to have scheduled construction in early 1997.

### B. Questions and Comments

Mr. Armando Quintanilla asked if the Operation and Maintenance of the Zone 3 cleanup systems will be completed by 2001, as indicated on the timeline. He was told that would be determined at the five-year review, which would likely be in 2001. Mr. Quintanilla asked that Progress Reports

published by the base include test results.

A short break was taken.

#### Item VI: Subcommittee Reports

##### A. Technical Subcommittee

Mr. George Rice reported that the Technical Subcommittee had met with the Air Force and its contractor to discuss cleanup ideas. They will meet after the next pump results are available.

##### B. Charter Subcommittee

Mr. Alan Hagelthorn announced a 16 September meeting of the Charter Subcommittee at 9 a.m. in conference room of building 306 on Kelly AFB. Membership renewals will be discussed at the meeting. All RAB members are invited to attend.

#### Item VII: New Business

##### A. Restoration Division Update (see attached slides)

Mr. Dennis Guadarrama, Restoration Division Chief, announced that RAB members and alternates are invited to attend a Risk Communication Course offered by Brooks AFB. The course will be sometime in October.

In addition, he announced that Southwest Research Institute will be involved as a third party in soil and air sampling to be done in North Kelly Gardens. The RAB and community are invited to observe the sampling. It will begin within about three weeks and will be announced in the media.

Mr. Rice asked if the community can be involved in developing the sampling plan. He was told they could.

##### B. Community Outreach

Mr. Dick Walters, Kelly Environmental Public Affairs Coordinator, gave a short presentation on Kelly's commitment to community outreach. The community outreach program will continue and the Community Relations Plan is currently being revised. Kelly wants to improve the way it shares information and will be introducing initiatives to do that. The base will be working with other organizations in setting up meetings to discuss environmental issues. He concluded by saying he had moved offices into the EM building and could be reached at 925-3100 ext. 338, or pager 244-0720.

##### C. Questions and Comments

Mr. Quintanilla asked about the status of a technical assistance grant to pay for technical assistance. Mr. Riojas said he would check on the status and get back to him.

#### Item VIII: Next Meeting

A. The next RAB meeting was announced for Nov. 18 at Kennedy High School.

B. The following items were requested for the agenda:

1. Update on North Kelly Gardens sampling strategy and results
2. Status of Zone 3 cleanup
3. Status of Quintarm Road project (presented by San Antonio City)

#### 4. RAB meeting frequency

- C. Ms. Annalise Peace asked that motions be recorded verbatim in the minutes, as well as who made the motion, who seconded the motion and the resulting vote.

#### Item IX: Public Questions and Comments

Mr. Chavel Lopez commented that he thought the Aug. 19 meeting was an example of the Air Force not working with the community in good faith. He said they were promised a meeting in their community and it was changed without their input. He also expressed concern about ATSDR's visit and asked that a non-government agency do the survey.

Mr. David Johnson asked that a non-government third party work in conjunction with ATSDR, such as University of Texas Health Science Center or Southwest Research Institute.

A member of the community asked who would issue ATSDR's report. ATSDR said they issue their own reports.

Mr. Bob Herrera, San Antonio city council member said Congressman Tejeda is to thank for ATSDR's visit. He asked if the Air Force has a regulation that states how close fuel storage tanks could be built to homes. Mr. Bailey, Kelly Director of Environmental Management, said that if the tanks were to be built today, current state laws are much more strict and the tanks would probably not be built where they are today. Mr. Herrera said he was also concerned about what GKDC was going to do with the tanks. He concluded by saying the people deserve better treatment from the Air Force. Ms. Pease asked that he relay that message to the city council.

Mr. Johnson said that there is a proposal before Congress that would allow the sale of property before it is cleaned up. Mr. Byron Cotton, Kelly Legal Office, said the proposal, one of many, has not been passed and may not be passed. If it is passed, the sale would require the approval of the governor. The Air Force would still retain legal responsibility for the cleanup. The proposal was not asked for by the Air Force.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

#### Attachments

1. Agenda
2. Letter from Mr. Riojas
3. Mr. Riojas' biography
4. 19 August 1996 Neighborhood meeting Comments
5. Presentation slides of IRP Update
6. Presentation slides of Restoration Division Update
7. Presentation slides of Community Outreach Update